

any Place of Mooring, Landing or Harbour, or from any other Vessel, and shall not do and perform what is by this Act required, shall forfeit and pay to the Owner or Owners of such Flat, Boat or Vessel, the Sum of *Fifty Shillings* current Money, to be recovered in a Summary Way, before one Justice of the Peace of the County, where the Party accused doth reside.

PROVIDED always, that in Case such Flat, Boat or other Vessel shall be taken up on the East Side of *Chesapeake Bay*, or the North Side of *Susquahanna River*, in the Winter Season, when it may so happen by Reason of the Ice, no intercourse may be had, with the City of *Annapolis*; that then and in such Case, it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons taking such Flat, Boat or other Vessel, into his or their Custody or Care to cause such Advertisement as is herein before directed, to be inserted in the *Maryland Gazette*; within Thirty Days after the Obstruction of such Intercourse or Communication with the said City of *Annapolis*, shall or may be removed.

THIS Act to continue for Three Years, and unto the End of the next Session of Assembly, which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Three Years.

THIS Act is further continued for the same Space of Time by Act passed *April 8th, 1757*.

ACT for the speedy Recovery of small
Passed October 2d, 1753. } Debts out of Court, before one Justice of the Peace.

WHEREAS the Recovery of small Debts before one Justice of the Peace out of Court, has been found a great Satisfaction and Ease to the People of the Province; and that the Jurisdiction of one Justice of the Peace, by the Law heretofore made, is not sufficiently extended, to suit their Conveniency and Benefit.

IT is enacted, that in all Cases, wherein the Debt or Damage doth not exceed *Six Hundred Pounds* of Tobacco, or *Fifty Shillings* current Money, it shall and may be lawful for any one Justice of the Peace, of each respective County, where the Debtor resides, to try, hear and determine the Matter of Controversy between the Creditor and Debtor, and upon full hearing of the Allegations and Evidences of both Parties, shall give Judgment according to the Equity and Right of the Matter; and if need be, charge the Constable with the Body of the Debtor in Execution, who is obliged and impowered to carry the Person so committed, to the Sheriff of the County, together with a Certificate or Mittimus from such Justice, wherein shall be certified the Debt and Cost, whereof such Person shall be convicted, by him to be safely kept, until Satisfaction or other End thereof, or otherwise; that such Justice shall award Execution on such his Judgment (directed to the Sheriff of the County) by Warrant or Mittimus in the Nature of a *Capias ad Satisfaciendum, Fieri Facias*, or otherwise; and that in Case, upon the Return